



ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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COOLER WEATHER THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Alfalfa harvest was reported as 57 percent not being harvested, 11 percent light, 24 percent moderate, and 8 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Sheeping-off was widely reported as being light to none.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 11 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 48 percent fair, 18 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. **Livestock** was reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate while **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

As of March 24, 24 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 30 percent of **Barley**, 15 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 13 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Temperatures throughout the state were generally below average last week. Temperatures ranged from three degrees below normal at Douglas and Winslow to 1 degree above normal at Coolidge, Grand Canyon and Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 89 degrees at Parker while the lowest reading was 14 degrees at Grand Canyon.

Precipitation was reported at nine stations. Three stations have recorded more than normal rainfall levels to date.

Last week the temperatures in Arizona generally dropped to a few degrees below average. Producers in central Arizona continued to ship a variety of vegetables including **broccoli, dandelion, dill, endive, escarole, flowering kale, green onions, kale, kohlrabi, mixed greens, napa, parsley, spinach** and **swiss chard**. **Lettuce** shipments included **leaf** and **romaine**. Eastern Arizona producers shipped **hot house tomatoes**. Producers in western Arizona also shipped a wide variety of vegetables including **anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, radicchio, salad savoy, spinach** and **swiss chard**. Western **lettuce** and **salad/salad mixes** shipments included **boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine** and **spring mix**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **lemons, navels, grapefruit, minneolas, fairchild tangerines** and **tangelos**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit, lemons** and **tangelos** last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK MARCH 19-25, 2000

| Station | Temperatures | | | | Precipitation 2/ | | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|------|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Normal to Date |
| Canyon De Chelly | 44 | -2 | 71 | 21 | 0.29 | 0.98 | 1.94 |
| Casa Grande | 61 | -2 | 83 | 38 | 0.00 | 1.74 | 2.17 |
| Coolidge | 59 | 1 | 86 | 35 | 0.00 | 2.21 | 2.39 |
| Douglas | 55 | -3 | 79 | 26 | 0.04 | 0.35 | 1.59 |
| Flagstaff | 36 | -2 | 58 | 17 | 0.38 | 4.48 | 6.25 |
| Gila Bend | 64 | -2 | 86 | 40 | 0.00 | 2.05 | 1.71 |
| Grand Canyon | 35 | 1 | 64 | 14 | 0.47 | 5.39 | 4.15 |
| Kingman | 53 | -1 | 74 | 31 | 0.00 | 1.27 | 2.71 |
| Parker | 65 | 1 | 89 | 48 | 0.00 | 0.59 | 1.48 |
| Payson | 48 | -1 | 73 | 27 | 0.11 | 5.11 | 5.86 |
| Phoenix | 64 | -1 | 82 | 47 | 0.00 | 2.78 | 2.10 |
| Prescott Airport | 46 | -2 | 68 | 27 | 0.03 | 1.90 | 2.51 |
| Safford Ag Center | 55 | 0 | 83 | 35 | 0.02 | 0.33 | 1.79 |
| Tucson | 60 | -1 | 81 | 38 | 0.00 | 1.12 | 2.17 |
| Willcox | 52 | -2 | 76 | 27 | 0.11 | 1.08 | 2.16 |
| Winslow | 47 | -3 | 73 | 19 | 0.38 | 0.93 | 1.46 |
| Yuma | 66 | 0 | 87 | 46 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 0.78 |

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.